

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6698

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LCO No. 3421

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS ON ACCOUNT OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46a-58 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2005):
- 4 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for
- 5 any person to subject, or cause to be subjected, any other person to the
- 6 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities, secured or
- 7 protected by the Constitution or laws of this state or of the United
- 8 States, on account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex,
- 9 <u>sexual orientation</u>, blindness or physical disability.

This act sha sections:	ll take effect as follows	s and shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2005	46a-58(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To include sexual orientation as a protected class under the statutory protection against the deprivation of rights, thereby authorizing the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to receive and process complaints that allege violations of other state statutes under which such rights have already been extended and that the commission has a duty to enforce.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]